

**In The Drawings:**

Fig. 2 has been amended to insert the label (PRIOR ART).

Fig. 4 has been amended to replace the term “threshold” in step 156 with the term “logical segmentation size”.

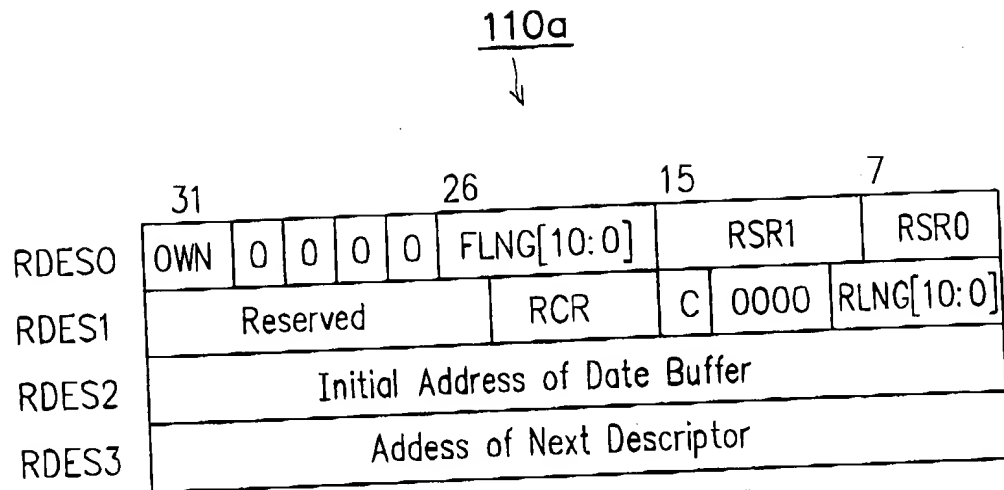


FIG. 2 (PRIOR ART)

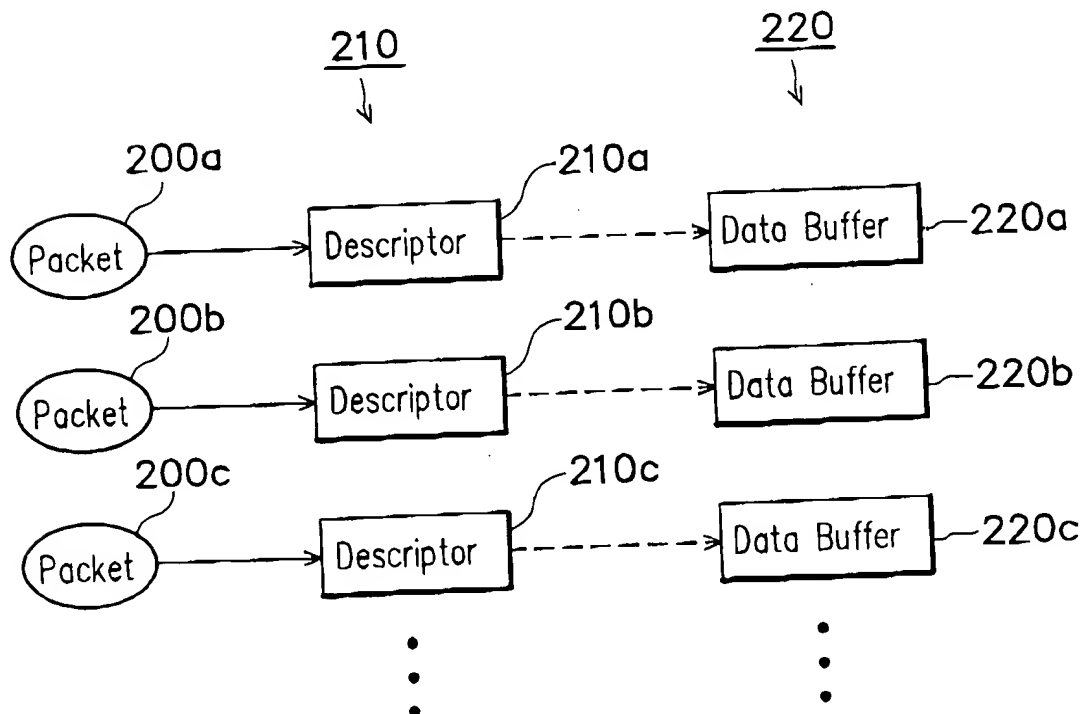


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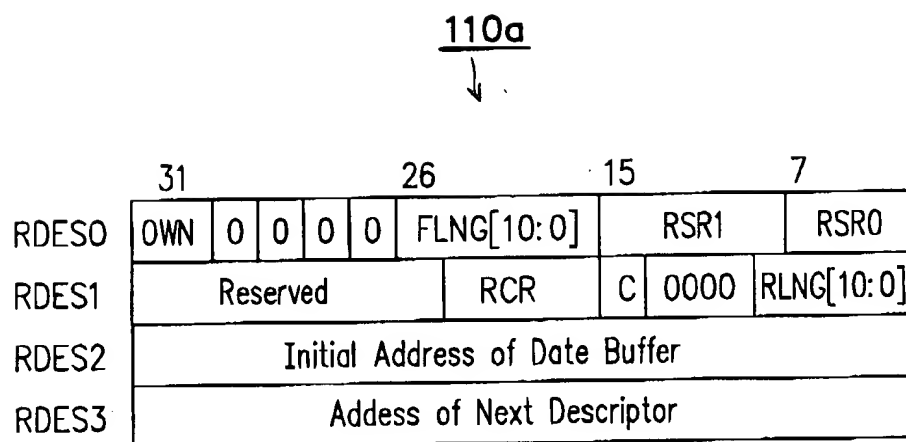


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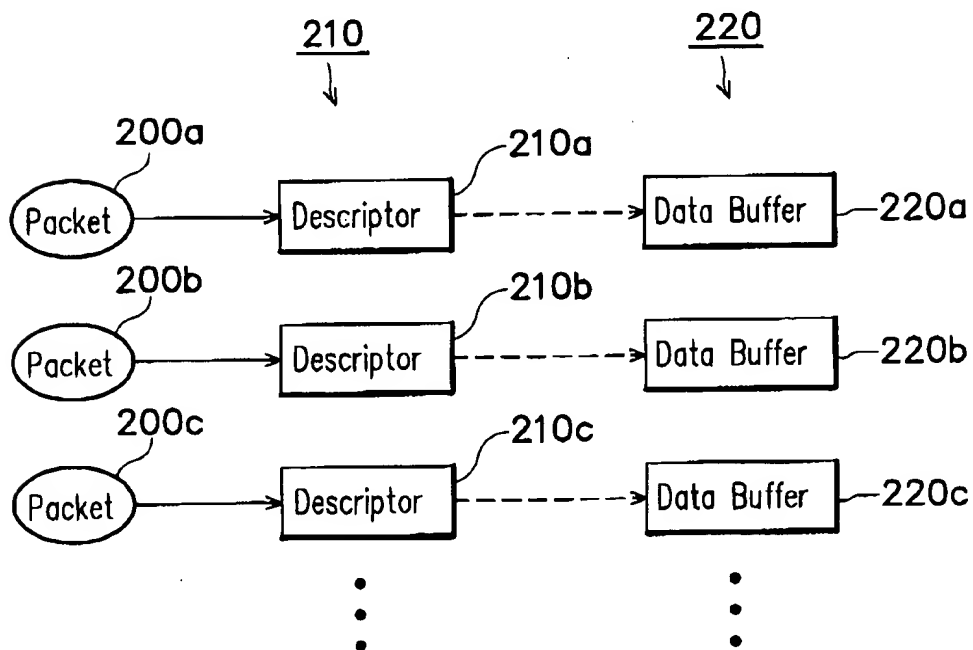
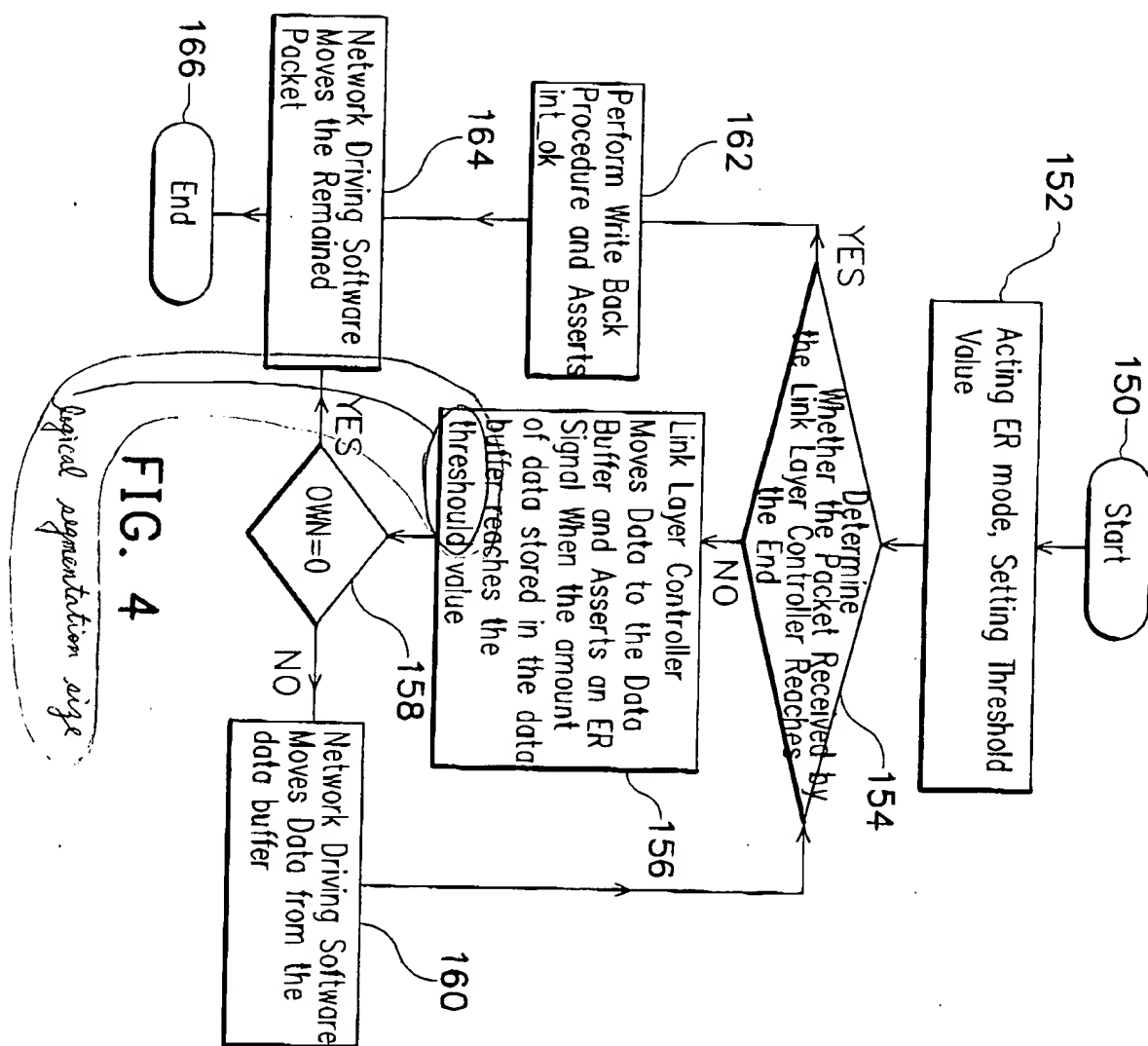


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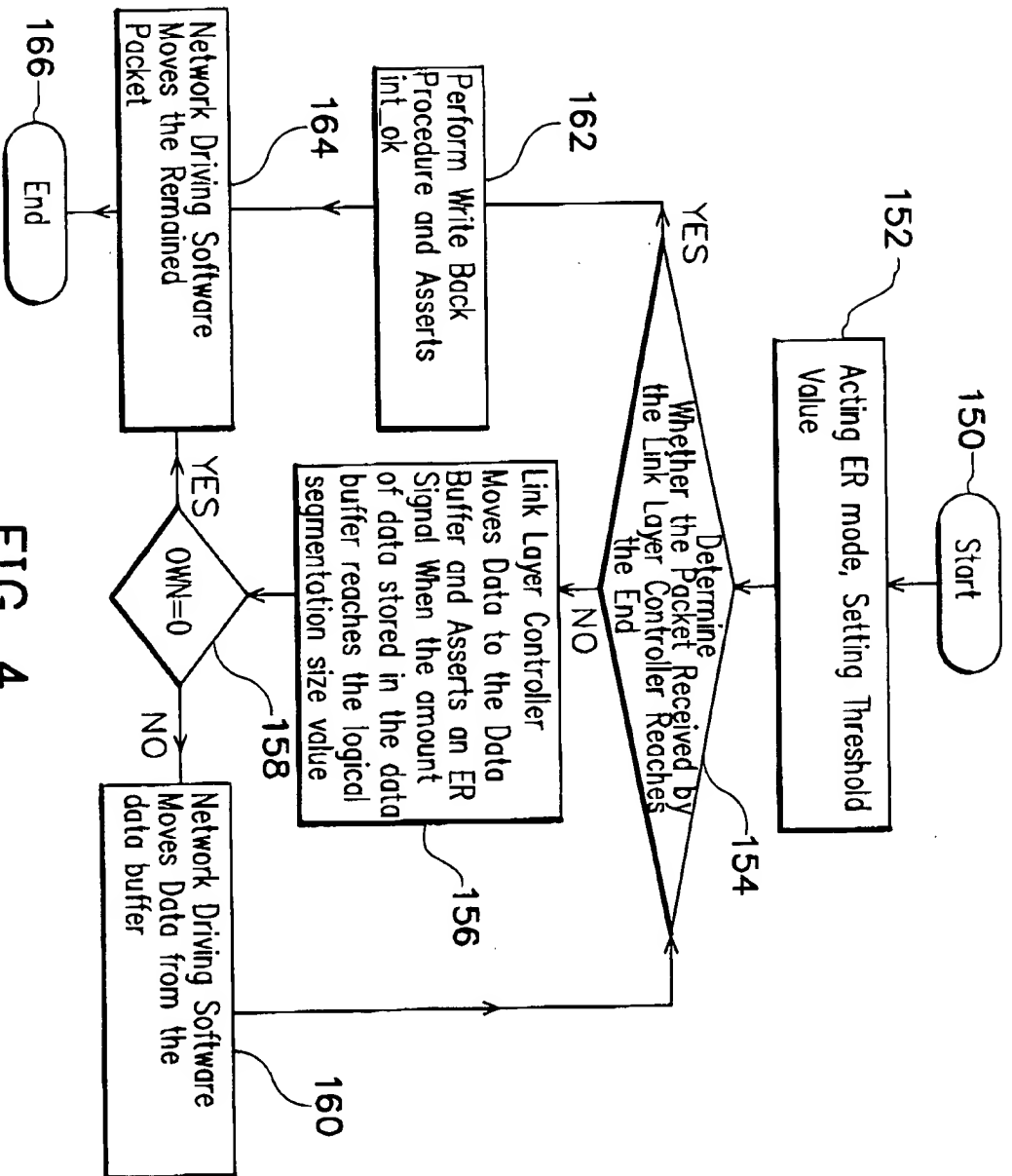


FIG. 4